

Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraph for paragraph 2 of the specification:

This application is related to U.S. Patent App. Serial Nos. 10/712,987 _____
entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MISSION MODULE SWAPPING IN A VESSEL**
(~~Attorney Docket No. 1934-8-3~~), and 10/712,786 _____ entitled **VESSEL WITH A**
MULTI-MODE HULL (~~Attorney Docket No. 1934-9-3~~), which have a common filing date
and owner, and which are incorporated by reference.